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SUBJECT : ENGINEERS OVERSEAS HANDBOOK--1976 EDITION

REFS : (A) STATE A-2645 DATED MAY 24, 1976

(B) STATE A-3709 DATED JULY 26, 1976

1. REF A RECEIVED IN MANAMA ON JULY 31, 1976. THIS
ACCOUNTS FOR OUR TARDINESS IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS
CONTAINED THEREIN. HOPE INFORMATION BELOW WILL ALLOW
YOU TO MEET PRINTING SCHEDULE.

2. ANSWERS KEYED TO BASIC QUESTIONNAIRE ENGINEERS
OVERSEAS HANDBOOK--1976 EDITION (AS PER REF A).

1. A. NOT PRESENTLY, BUT THERE IS SUCH LEGISLATION
PENDING WITH THE CABINET OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN.

B. N/A

C. NOT PRESENTLY, BUT AS WITH INDIGENOUS
ENGINEERS, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FOREIGN ENGINEERS
WILL HAVE TO BE LICENSED.

D. THE PENDING LEGISLATION, IF APPROVED,
WILL CREATE A GOVERNMENT BOARD WHICH WILL BE THE
LICENSING AUTHORITY.

E. N/A

2. BAHRAIN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS, P.O. BOX 835,
MANAMA, BAHRAIN; DR. ABDULLATIFF KANOO, PRESIDENT;
250 MEMBERS AS OF AUGUST 1976.

3. A. GENERALLY, BUT NOT IN ALL CASES. FOR
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EXAMPLE, THE GOVERNMENT MAY CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH

THE CONSULTANTS.

B. IF A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE IS OFFICIALLY APPOINTED AND DULY REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN, THAN HE MUST BE A BAHRAINI CITIZEN.

C. NO.

D. THERE IS ONE OFFICIAL FORM WHICH MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ALONG WITH A MODEST FEE (APPROXIMATELY \$60.).

4. A. N/A

B. N/A

5. A. USUALLY NOT; SOMETIMES, IN THE CASE OF 'TURNKEY' PROJECTS, SUCH CONSORTIUM BIDDING IS REQUIRED.

B. CONSULTING ENGINEERS ARE EITHER 'DIRECTLY HIRED' BY THE GOVERNMENT, I.E. PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE OR, IN SOME CASES, PUBLIC TENDERS ARE ISSUED IN WHICH CASE PROPOSALS ARE CALLED FOR AND ASSESSED BY A PUBLIC COMMITTEE.

C. N/A

D. YES, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, DISPUTES ARE REFERRED TO LOCAL COURTS; AFTER THAT, TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

E. NOT FOR CONSULTANTS.

F. NO. EXCEPT THOSE, IF ANY, ON THE ISRAEL BOYCOTT LIST WHICH BAHRAIN, AMONG WITH OTHER STATES IN THE REGION, ENFORCES.

6. NO.

7. NO.

8. A. NO. THERE ARE NO LOCAL CORPORATE TAXES.

B. N/A

C. N/A

D. YES.

E. NOT LOCALLY.

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9. A. NO. THERE ARE NO LOCAL INCOME TAXES.

B. N/A

C. YES, USUALLY AT THE RATE OF EITHER FIVE PERCENT OR TEN PERCENT (FOR LUXURIES).

10. A. MINISTRY OF WORKS, POWER AND WATER

P.O. BOX 5

MANAMA, BAHRAIN

B. MINISTRY OF HOUSING

P.O. BOX 802

MANAMA, BAHRAIN

C. MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIES

P.O. BOX 235

MANAMA, BAHRAIN

11. A. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IS ARABIC; COMMERCIAL
LANGUAGES ARE ARABIC AND ENGLISH.

B. METRIC SYSTEM.

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